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REFS: (A) GENEVA 1842; (B) GENEVA 1701

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. FURTHER STUDY OF "MENTALLY REGISTERED" TEXT ON YOUTH
REVEALS SERIOUS PROBLEM. PENULTIMATE PARA SPEAKS
OF GOVERNMENTS "ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXCHANGES,
CONTACTS AND COOPERATION ON A BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL
BASIS BETWEEN THEIR ORGANIZATIONS WHICH REPRESENT WIDE
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CIRCLES OF YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING, TRAINING OR UNDERGOING

EDUCATION."

2. THE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH COULD BE SAID TO REPRESENT "YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING" ARE TRADE UNIONS. IN VIEW OF THE WELL-KNOWN AVERSION OF THE US LABOR MOVEMENT TO CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED UNIONS OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, THE USG IS NOT IN A POSITION TO AGREE TO ENCOURAGE SUCH CONTACTS. TO DO SO WOULD RISK ALIENATING A SIGNIFICANT SECTOR OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION FROM THE CSCE RESULTS AS A WHOLE.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, WE DO NOT WISH TO DISTURB THE NEGOTIATING TEMPO IN GENEVA BY PROPOSING MAJOR CHANGES TO AN AGREED TEXT. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SECOND PARA OF TEXT, RELATING TO CONTACTS AMONG INDIVIDUAL YOUNG PEOPLE, CONTAINS QUALIFYING PHRASE, "IN ALL CASES WHERE IT SEEMS POSSIBLE." INCLUSION OF THIS SAME PHRASE IN PARA ON CONTACTS BETWEEN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (FOLLOWING "MULTILATERAL BASIS") WOULD SEEM TO PROTECT OUR SPECIAL POSITION IN A WAY WHICH IS WELL PRECEDENTED IN THE TEXT ITSELF.

4. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE THE ABOVE ADDITION AT THE EARLIEST CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY.

5. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO INTERESTED DELEGATIONS THAT WHILE THE USG FAVORS INCREASED CONTACTS AMONG YOUTH, WE WILL NOT UNDERTAKE TO "ENCOURAGE" THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT TO DO WHAT IT IS FIRMLY AND CLEARLY OPPOSED TO DOING, I.E. -- COOPERATE WITH ORGANIZATIONS WHICH IT CONSIDERS TO BE CREATURES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. KISSINGER

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